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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Improvement of Tanks, etc.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

R. 632-6—L. R. 91-26-1 DATED, 31st JULY 1926.

In view of the importance of the tank system of Mysore and the necessity for ensuring more efficient methods for the restoration of tanks, Government in their Order No. P. W. 3530-36, dated 31st March 1926, directed the formation of a tank Survey Division, for the collection of all necessary data for preparing a suitable programme for the selection of tanks for restoration or improvement in the future.

2. It was represented at the Deputy Commissioners' Meetings held at Mysore on the 17th and 18th June 1926, that, owing to want of control over the distribution of water, more land than could be cultivated with the available water supply was sown with wet crops and the raiyats sustained much avoidable loss. It was further stated that there was great wastage in the use of water and that under a system of better regulation of water supply, a larger extent of land could be brought under wet cultivation than is done at present. It is also reported that the feeder channels of large tanks are usually in disrepair and that sufficient attention has not been paid to the provision of masonry *madaboys*, etc.

3. The draft Irrigation Bill which was published in the *Mysore Gazette* dated the 27th September 1923, contains necessary provisions for regulating supply of water and preventing waste, and has to be taken up for consideration and placed before the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council at an early date.

4. In the Malnad Districts, the grants under the Irrigation Cess Fund have not been utilised in full. There is an order of the Chief Commissioner to the effect that the surplus proceeds of the Irrigation Cess Fund could be utilised for the construction of new roads. It is considered that after the requirements of the tanks in the Malnad are fully met, there may be no objection to utilising the remainder for the repair of old or construction of new roads.

5. These questions require careful consideration by a Committee before further action can be taken thereon. Government are pleased to appoint the following gentlemen as members of the Committee:—

(1) The Revenue Commissioner (Chairman).
(2) Mr. K. R. Seshachar.
(3) Mr. A. K. Syed Taj Peeran, Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District.
(4) Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Pleader, Mysore.
(5) Mr. N. S. Nanjundiah, President, District Board, Hassan.

6. The following points will be considered by the Committee and a report submitted before the end of September next:—

(1) Regulation of water supply in tanks and channels to avoid waste, and to ensure its full use for purposes of cultivation;
(2) The introduction of the Irrigation Bill;
(3) Examination of the provisions of the Tank Panchayet Regulation and suggestion of changes necessary.
(4) The utilisation of the proceeds of the Irrigation cess in the Malnad for repair—construction of roads.

By Order,
C. RANGANATHA RAO SAHIB,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Refunds.

READ—

Sub-para 1 of para 2 of Government Order No. R. 4314-6—L. R. 149-24-87, dated 26th February 1926, directing that the Sub-Division Officers and the Amildars be vested with certain additional powers in the matter of granting refunds and remissions.

2. Letter No. C. 3162—25-26, dated the 6th July 1926, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, soliciting orders for enhancing the powers of the Deputy Commissioners to sanction refunds of sale amounts from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000.

ORDER No. R. 664-74—L. R. 26-26-2, DATED 2ND—4TH AUGUST 1926.

The recommendation of the Revenue Commissioner to enhance the powers of sanction of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, in respect of refunds of sale amounts from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000, is approved.

C. RANGANATHA RAO SAHIB,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Payment of toll.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 2296-307—L. R. 205-22-2, dated 20th November 1922, issuing revised instructions in regard to the holding of auction sales.

2. Letter No. C. 2956—25-26, dated 21st July 1926, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending that the concession allowed in respect of District Fund toll-gates in Government Order No. L. 6667-88—L. B. 145-25-2, dated 28th April 1926, exempting from payment of toll on cattle belonging to residents of the village or town within the limits of which the toll gate is established may be extended to the Provincial toll-gates also.

ORDER No. R. 758-68—REV. 9-26-2, DATED 6TH AUGUST 1926.

In the Notification appended to the Government Order No. R. 2296-307—L. R. 205-22-2, dated 20th November 1922, the following additional clause shall be added to rule 15 of the toll rules:—

"(*h*) No toll shall be levied on cattle belonging to the residents of the village or town within the limit of which the toll-gate is established."

C. RANGANATHA RAO SAHIB,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Leave after fifty-five years.

Order No. Fl. 893-952—S. & A. 11-26-2, DATED 5th August 1926.

Government are pleased to direct that no leave will be given to an officer after the date of superannuation preparatory to retirement. This order will have effect from 1st August 1926. Article 150A, Mysore Service Regulations, will be amended accordingly.

B. SREENIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.